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Applicant: K. HOSHINO et al.

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Titled: MAGNETORESISTIVE HEAD USING MULTILAYERED VARISTOR MATERIAL (AS AMENDED)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper;

Remarks begin on page 6 this paper.

A Petition of a one-month extension of time and the appropriate fee accompany this response.

A Request for Continued Examination and the appropriate fee accompany this response.